PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re Application of:

Docket No.: 1999B052-4

Mittricker, et al.

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§ Group Art Unit: 3746

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For: Method for Utilizing Gas Reserves

with Low Methane Concentrations and High Inert Gas Concentrations

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.115

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Prior to any examination of this application, please enter the amendments detailed on the following pages.